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In re Application of:

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For: COMPOUNDS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR DELIVERING ACTIVE AGENTS

CONTINUING APPLICATION

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This is a request for filing under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of a continuation application of the following pending prior application:

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This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/142,009, filed May 8, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/305,506, filed May 5, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,428,780, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/798,031, filed February 6, 1997, now U.S. Patent No.

6,001,347, which is a continuation of PCT Application Serial No. PCT/US96/04580, filed April 1, 1996, published in English as International Publication No. WO 96/30036, which is a Continuation-in-Part of Application Serial No. 08/414,654, filed March 31, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,650,386, and which claims the benefit to Application Serial No. 60/003,111, filed September 1, 1995, and Application Serial No. 60/017,902, filed March 29, 1996.

- 1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application as originally filed (along with a copy of the <u>original Declaration</u>). No amendments identified in the declaration for this prior application introduced new matter. Please use this copy as the application and declaration for the present case.
- 2. Formal Drawings (3 sheets, Figures 1-3) are filed herewith.
- 3. A Preliminary Amendment is also enclosed.
- 4. The prior application is assigned to: **Emisphere Technologies, Inc.**
- 5. The Assignment was recorded at Reel <u>8624</u>, Frame <u>0246</u> on <u>July 7, 1997</u>.

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